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RE: Sites Management Activity Complete, Williamstown Middle-High School, SMS Site #99-2674  
Williamstown, Vermont

Dear Mr. Locarno:

The Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the July 2007 report titled, "*Initial Site Investigation, Williamstown High School Property, Hebert Road, Williamstown, Vermont*" prepared by Wheeler Environmental Services (WES) for a site investigation conducted at the Williamstown Middle-High School property on April 5. The SMS has also reviewed information contained in the site file. With this information, the SMS can now make the following conclusions:

- On August 2, 1999 one 10,000 gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) was removed from the Williamstown Middle-High School property at 120 Hebert Road in Williamstown.
- During the UST removal, soils surrounding the UST were found to be contaminated with petroleum compounds at concentrations above SMS guideline levels, as measured with a photoionization detector (PID). Groundwater was not encountered at the maximum depth of 11' during the UST removal. Additional investigation of the UST removal was required by the SMS.
- On April 5, 2007 four soil borings were advanced; three of these were completed as groundwater monitor wells in order to evaluate potential contamination to the groundwater. No contamination was detected using a PID to test soil samples collected during the drilling.
- One soil sample and three groundwater samples were collected for laboratory analysis of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). No contamination was detected in these samples.
- A 1,000 gallon fuel oil UST under a concrete slab is located at the former 10,000 gallon UST location. Residual soil contamination identified during the 1999 removal may still be located under the slab, however the investigation showed no evidence of groundwater contamination or that the soil contamination was wide spread.
- No near by surface waters or wetlands were identified. The school building has municipal water.

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which is not at risk of contamination from this site. No other sensitive environmental receptors were identified. No unacceptable risk to human health and the environment is present due to any residual contamination remaining in the ground from the removed UST.

- The three groundwater monitoring wells were properly closed to eliminate possible conduits for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure involved removal of the protective well cover, filling the wells with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole, and finishing to the surrounding grade.

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release the Orange North Supervisory Union, of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination onsite. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the 1999 UST removal.

This site closure applies only for the fuel oil tank site. Issues relating to UniFirst are unaffected by this letter and will continue to be managed as before as a separate site.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Sites Management Section

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DEC Regional Office (via electronic mail) ✓  
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